

THIS IS ENOUGH!

The Story of the Maine Tragedy
Very Well Told

BY CONSUL GENERAL LEE

Who Appeared Before the Senate
Committee.

A FIENDISH CONSPIRACY

On the Part of "Some Spanish Officials" That Resulted in the Cowardly Murder of 266 American Seamen, and the Destruction of a Magnificent Battleship. Some Facts About the "Explosion" and the Cuban Insurgents That Were Not Made Public—Weyler Implicated. Spain Can Never Conquer the Cubans.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The testimony taken before the senate committee on foreign relations in connection with the investigation in the relations of the United States and Cuba was made public to-day. It constitutes a book of about 650 pages and includes not only the testimony taken since the disaster to the Maine, but also much that was taken before and running back for a year or more.

The statement which contains the greatest current interest is that made by Consul General Lee on the 12th instant. In this statement, General Lee said that he was informed on very good authority that the Spaniards had placed two rows of torpedoes just at the mouth of the Havana harbor by Morro Castle within the past two months, or subsequent to the Maine disaster, and that the switch-board is in a room in the castle. He said, however, that he had no information of the placing of any torpedoes before the Maine was destroyed, and none in regard to the purchase abroad by the Spanish authorities.

"Have you any reason to suppose that the harbor was mined at all before the blowing up of the Maine?" asked Senator Frye.

"No sir; I had no reason to suspect anything of that sort up to that time. He then went on to say that General Weyler's letter to Santos Guzman had led him to believe that mines might have been placed there previous to the Maine incident, and he said that this supposition was strengthened by a telegram from General Weyler, of which he had cognizance. Upon the whole he thought the Weyler letter (the Laine letter) was a correct copy of a genuine letter. The telegram to which he referred was addressed to Eva Canal, a noted Spanish woman, and an admirer of Weyler's, and to Senor Guzman, and it read as follows:

"Grave circumstances cause me to ask you to destroy the last letter of February 15th."

General Lee said that this telegram had never before been published and he found in it strong confirmatory evidence of the genuineness of the Weyler letter.

The Responsibility.

With reference to the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine, General Lee said: "I am satisfied the explosion was from the outside. I called the state department a few days after the board assembled that it was almost certain. I have always had an idea about the Maine that of course it was not blown up by any private individual, or by any private citizen, but it was blown up by some of the officers who had charge of the mines and electrical wires and torpedoes in the arsenal there who thoroughly understood their business for it was done remarkably well."

"I do not think General Blanco, the present captain and governor general of the island of Cuba, had anything to do with it. I do not think he had any knowledge of it. I saw him just shortly after the occurrence. I was sitting in my room at the hotel and from the balcony I could hear this. I heard the explosion and saw a great column of fire go up in the air. A few moments after ascertaining that it was the Maine, I went right down to the palace and I asked for General Blanco. He came in directly by himself. He had just heard it, and was crying; tears were coming out of his eyes. He seemed to regret it as much as anybody I saw in Havana; but I think it came from some of the subaltern officers who had been there under Weyler and who were probably anti-Blanco anyhow, and who had full knowledge of the business."

General Lee said that he had seen a copy of a telegram from Admiral Manterola, dated in Havana, prior to the explosion of the Maine, to the Spanish commission in London, asking the commission to "hurry up the electrical cables." "Whether that referred to wire for sub-marine mines or torpedoes, I do not know," he continued.

Why Evidence Was Withheld.

"I tried to ascertain if any of the wire or electrical cables had arrived there, but they came on Spanish ships and I could not find out." General Lee said that this testimony in regard to Manterola, and also that with reference to the Weyler telegram, had been furnished to the court of inquiry which investigated the Maine disaster, but had not been sent to Congress nor published because of a request to his made to the state department not to make them public. "As I was afraid the Spanish papers would republish it and they would probably kill the man that gave it to me."

Continuing his testimony, General Lee said that ten minutes after the explosion he was at the palace talking to General Blanco and that the latter gave him an order for a boat to take him out into the harbor.

Sensor Morgan asked if, when he got to the water's edge he saw any lights burning.

"I did not notice that," said General Lee. "But I have made inquiries since and have ascertained that no electric lights went out. I sent for electric light men and gas men. Some gas jets went out in one or two places, caused by the shock or something, but I could not ascertain from these men that a single electric light went out. One of the electric light men whom I called up, is a friend of mine, and he sent for the man who has direct charge of the lights, who came to my office. This man said he had not heard of any such thing. I said I wanted to know with certainty. The man then made an exploration of an hour or two and returned, saying that with the exception of one electric light near the harbor, and one at another place not very far distant, where he thought perhaps the lights might have gone out by the shock, no other electric lights went out."

General Lee also said that he had not felt the shock of the explosion at his hotel.

The following colloquy between Senator Foraker and General Lee brought out some further opinion of the general in regard to the destruction of the Maine.

Sensor Foraker—You think that no novice could have destroyed the Maine?

Consul General Lee—Oh, no sir. The man who did that work was an officer thoroughly acquainted with explosives of all sorts, and who knew all about it. It was very well done.

Sensor Foraker—A man who had expert knowledge, necessarily?

Consul General Lee—Yes, sir.

Sensor Clark—And who must have

had knowledge of the location of the torpedo?

Must Have Had Knowledge.

Consul General Lee—Yes; I have never been certain that the sub-marine explosive was placed there prior to the entrance of the Maine into the harbor. It might have been done afterwards. The Maine was anchored to a buoy by some little chains. A vessel swinging around that way some times gets at various places all around the circle. When she would swing off that way, with the bow next to the buoy and these boats plying about the harbor all the time, anybody could go pretty well in front of her on a dark night and drop one of these sub-marines of five hundred pounds. They have fingers, as it were, and as the boat goes around it would touch the finger, which makes contact and explodes the mine. That might have been done after the Maine got in there and not be discovered. One or two men rowing quietly in a boat could drop it off the stern of the boat on a dark night, though Sigbee had his patrols out. A boat would not have been noticed because boats go there all ways to a late hour of the night. The harbor is full of these little boats. A mine weighs about five hundred pounds and I suppose it would take two or three men—one man to row and probably three or four to handle the mine."

"In reply to a question from Senator Gray General Lee said that the Spanish population is not especially hostile towards the United States. The Spanish portion are principally the merchants, shop keepers and all this agitation is affecting very much their business. A great number of them are really annexationists, because they think it is the only way out of the trouble and they would much prefer annexation to the United States to a Cuban republic. As to the Cuban part of the population they are generally all for free Cuba. The condition of the reconcentrados out in the country is just as bad as in General Weyler's day. It has been relieved a good deal by supplies from the United States, but that has ceased now."

General Blanco published a proclamation, rescinding General Weyler's bando, as they call it there, but it has had no practical effect, for in the first place these people have no place to go to; the houses have been burned down; there is nothing but the bare land there, and it takes them two months before they can raise the first crop. In the next place they are afraid to go out from the lines of the towns because the roving bands of Spanish guerrillas, as they are called, would kill them. So they stick right in at the edges of towns just like they did, with nothing to eat except what they can get from charity. The Spanish have nothing to give."

Sensor Lodge asked: "What does this cessation of hostilities spoken of in the last few days amount to?" To which General Lee responded: "Nothing; practically nothing—the armistice amounts to nothing."

Gomez's Generalship.

In response to an inquiry from Senator Frye as to his reasons for saying that the insurgents would pay no attention to the armistice, General Lee said:

"Because every attempt so far to make terms or to make peace or to buy the insurgents or their leaders has met with signal failure, and whatever may be said about old General Gomez, he is in my humble opinion, fighting that war in the only way it can be done—scattering his troops out because to concentrate would be to starve, having no commissary train and no way to get supplies. They come in some times for the purpose of making some little raid, where he thinks it will do something; but he has given orders, so I have always been informed, not to fight, not to become engaged, not to lose their cartridges; and some times when he gets into a fight each man is ordered not to fire more than two cartridges. When General Weyler was there he went out after him some times and they would move up a column and fire and some times with signal failure, and the Spanish soldiers would deploy and throw out skirmishers, and the Cubans, like Indians, would scatter out. Then the Spanish troops would counter-march and go back to town, three men killed and ten or twelve wounded."

"Suppose Havana was blockaded," said Senator Mills, "so that no provisions could go in, would the people there have any way to get any?"

"None whatever," responded General Lee; "the town would surrender in a short while."

No Hope for Spain.

Sensor Frye asked: "What, in your judgment, is the probability of Spain conquering the insurgents and restoring peace to the island?"

Consul General Lee—"I do not think there is the slightest possibility of their doing it at all in any way. The same condition of things existed when Mr. Cleveland asked me to go down there last June a year ago. I gave him a report three weeks after I got there, in which I told him there was no chance in my opinion, of the Spaniards, ever suppressing that insurrection, nor was

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there any chance of the insurrectionists expelling the Spanish soldiers from the island?

In response to an inquiry from Senator Lodge for his opinion of the insurrection government, General Lee said:

"I have never thought that the insurgents had anything except the skeleton form of a government—a movable capital. I asked them one day why they did not have some permanent capital, and I think they gave a very good reason. They said it would require a large force to protect it and defend it, and they could not afford to mass up their men there; that the capital and the government officers had to move where they could be safest."

Sensor Daniel asked: "Do you think General Blanco was lacking in courtesy to you on leaving the island?"

General Lee: "I went with the British consul general. I saw Dr. Congosto. I told Dr. Congosto that I had received instructions to leave the island and go to the United States, and I called to pay my final respects and would like to see General Blanco. He asked me to sit down and said he would go and let him know. He went off and stayed about fifteen minutes and said the general must please excuse him; he was not well, and was lying down. I told Dr. Congosto then to say good-bye to him, and turned around and left."

Sensor Daniel: "Are there any demonstrations of ill-will toward you as you left?"

Consul General Lee: "When we were coming out on the steamer Saturday evening, there was some hallooing, cat calling and whistling, and some Spanish expressions, mean cowards, running away, and so on. I think that was confined to the lower order of men, however."

Sigbee's Convincing Words.

Captain Sigbee, in command of the Maine at the time of the disaster, was examined on the 21st of March. He repeated his opinion that the Maine was destroyed by a mine either temporary or permanent. He thought it had been a very large mine, but in his opinion, no larger than could be planted near the vessel at any time in broad daylight, and under direct vision with the means available in Havana for that purpose. He thought twelve men, having mutual confidence and preserving secrecy could have planted it, and that it could have been done while the ordinary discipline and watchfulness was observed on the ship. A ship moored in the harbor would swing around to a given point where a mine might be exploded. He

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thought it could have been planted from a scow between decks. There were, he said, a lot of idle army officers in Havana, and while he would not charge them with anything, he thought it not out of place to speak of the possibilities of a sketch involving these theories to Captain Sampson, who had recommended a torpedo station, and had asked of him if a vessel could drop a mine like the one he had described instantly and that Captain Sampson and other officers had replied that it could and that twelve men could do it. "That," said Captain Sigbee, "is the real reason I asked to have the Montgomery taken away. If they were going to do anything to blow us up, I wanted to have it done with a smaller vessel."

In reply to a question, Captain Sigbee said he thought it possible that the explosion could have occurred "without the knowledge of the higher officials." Continuing, he said that it was a curious fact that the vessel had never swung before in the particular direction in which it swung on the night of the explosion, and continuing, he said the Maine is lying now in about the position she would have taken to play on the Spanish batteries. Now, if a mine had been planted there, I assume it would have been planted in just that place. If only one had been planted, it would have been just there."

Asked why he had advised that no war vessels be sent to Havana after the explosion, Captain Sigbee replied: "In the first place there was a great deal of excitement, and I wanted to work along without men-of-war and to allay the excitement in the city; and in the next place, if there were any more mines, I did not want any more war vessels blown up. Up to that time I had strongly recommended that the 'Indiana' be sent there just to show them that the Maine was not the only vessel in the navy, nor the most powerful. After that time I had no more confidence in the people. Treachery had been shown us, and there was no special care for us; they had not attempted to protect us as we did the Vizcaya at New York."

State Board of Health.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WESTON, W. Va., April 14.—The state board of health, which has been holding its sessions in the hospital chapel for the last three days adjourned at noon to-day. Twenty-seven applicants were examined for permission to practice medicine in this state. The board found that quite a number of old physicians are practicing in parts of the state without proper certificates. The secretary was instructed to secure their names, and warn them to procure proper certificates. Dr. Snyder, one of the very competent hospital physicians, represented the eclectic system of medicine on the board. The board will recommend to the next legislature the cremation of hospital sewage. The next meeting of the board will be held at Bluefield, in July.

Post Office Robbers Arrested.

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CLARKSBURG, W. Va., April 14.—Deputy United States Marshal Law arrested Charles Ransell and brother, and Guy Danley, who were implicated in the postoffice robbery at Sycamore Dale, last Saturday night. After the robbery they stole horses, and after reaching this place turned them loose. These parties are supposed to be members of a desperate gang who have committed numerous robberies in this section lately.

Nicholas for Edwards.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 14.—Nicholas county to-day held its convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the congressional convention. The convention adopted resolutions endorsing the candidacy of Hon. William Seymour Edwards and instructed the delegates to vote for him and use every possible endeavor to secure his nomination. Nicholas casts nine votes.

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Sharing the honors as soloist with Madame Swabacker, Miss Russell Murphy, of the West Virginia University music department, gave decided evidence of musical ability, and all of her piano interpretations were more than pleasing. Miss Murphy's selections were chosen with taste and showed to good advantage her touch and technique. The enthusiastic reception of each, demanding an encore, was merited.

The ensemble work was in the keeping of the Choral club, under the direction of Mrs. Flora Williams, and showed her capability and efficiency. The accompanists of the evening were Mrs. Ricardo Ricci and Miss Annie Sage, both sustained well their reputations.

The chorus was neither seen nor heard in more than half its wonted strength last evening, but the young ladies splendidly carried their parts to a fine culmination. Their closing song, "The Star Spangled Banner," was received with intense appreciation, the audience following the example of Mr. Henry Hughes, rising, and at the conclusion breaking again into the vociferous applause which greeted the first strain.

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